

## COMMISSIONERS SCORN CHARGES.

Insinuations Against Members of Rapid-Transit Board Met with Scornful Denials by Alexander E. Orr and Others.

### BELMONT AND FORD PERSIST.

Stormy Echoes of the Protest Against Measures Advocated by Mayor Low Which Were Sent to Saturday Night's Mass-Meeting.

One result of the wrangle over the discussion of the Bostwick bill by speakers at the Terrace Garden mass-meeting may be that neither the Bostwick bill, which is favored by Mayor Low and the Rapid Transit Commission, nor the Elsborg bill, which ex-Senator John Ford drew to cover defects in the existing rapid transit ordinances, will be passed by the present Legislature. Members of the Rapid Transit Commission indignantly deny the insinuations of O. H. P. Belmont in his telegram to the meeting that they are interested in contracts for tunnel extensions let by the commission to the company of which August Belmont is the head.

**Commissioners Deny.**  
President Alexander E. Orr said today: "I am not nor ever have been interested in any subway contract, and I can say the same for my colleagues. I regret that occasion has arisen for my having to make such a denial." Commissioner John Clafin said: "It is not necessary for the members of the commission to vindicate themselves on any charge made by such a man as O. H. P. Belmont."

Morris K. Jesup said: "I don't think the criticisms and insinuations aimed at the Rapid Transit Commission call for any extended comment. The known character of the men composing that board constitute a sufficient reply."

Mr. Jesup said in reply to Mr. Belmont's charge that the Board was overpaid and self-perpetuating, that \$5,000 a year was the compensation fixed by the Court of Appeals, and he did not think it too much. Membership in the Board was fixed by ordinance, and in the case of the Mayor, the Comptroller and the President of the Chamber of Commerce, it was not an individual honor and clearly not self-perpetuating.

**Ford Rejects Objections.**  
Ex-Senator John Ford said today that he had declined to speak at the mass meeting because Secretary Fulton, of the Citizens' Union, had asked him not to touch on the rapid transit question. He added: "Now I do not hesitate to condemn the bill which the Mayor and the members of the Rapid Transit Commission stand for. The Mayor has said that he would amend it. He has not yet amended it. Before he said he would amend it it was the most stupendous deal I have ever known."

"Granting that it is amended it is still a big grab for it will accomplish nothing except to stall off the Elsborg bill which is a salutary measure designed to cover all defects in the present Rapid Transit contract."

"Why Mayor Low said to me in conversation that there was no other way out of it than to give the Belmont people the rest of the contracts. He said it would be handing over the contracts to the Interborough Company for seventy-five years. Think of that! To put our traffic system at the mercy of a monopoly for the next seventy-five years!"

Elaborating on the charges in his telegram to the Citizens' Union mass-meeting, O. H. P. Belmont said today: "I have been opposed to the course of the Rapid Transit Commission for five years. Consisting of eminent gentlemen who have the power of selecting their own successors, they have assisted a group of men in this city to acquire one of the most powerful and dangerous monopolies."

**"One of Two Reasons."**

"There are two explanations of this: Either they are incompetent or something else, and the people have a right to know which it is. If they have been incompetent, that is unfortunate for them and us; if they have been anything else, the sooner it is known the better."

"I am opposed to the Rapid Transit Commission's work for three reasons. First, they have created a great monopoly; second, they are creating a powerful political machine—for who will say that the patronage of the underground system, quasi-public as it might be supposed to be, will not play a large part in local political affairs—and, third, they have gone directly contrary to the will of the people."

"The statement that the city will some day get the road, to me appears almost ridiculous."

**DR. SMITH'S 'FOOL SERMONS'**  
Sunday School Teacher, in Making Announcement, Gets His Words Mixed.

At the Central Presbyterian Church on West Fifty-seventh street, the pastor, Rev. W. Merle Smith, has been delivering a series of sermons on the subject, "Fools of the Bible." These discourses have aroused widespread interest in the congregation, but they have also caused a young Sunday school teacher no end of embarrassment.

Last Sunday this teacher was called upon to announce, before the Sunday School closed, that the series of sermons would be continued next week. Arising with the utmost assurance, he said: "It is my duty to inform you that on next Sunday Dr. Smith will continue his fool sermons on the Bible."

There was a titter among the young people, and the teacher, perceiving his mistake, sat down and tried to hide his discomfiture behind a violet blush.

**MAY DIE FROM FALL.**

Workman Fractures Skull While at Work on Chapel.

Samuel Walsh, forty-three years old, a derelict man, living in Fifty-ninth street between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, and employed in the construction of the new chapel and parish house for the Church of the Incarnation, at No. 240 East Thirty-first street, fell from the second story of that structure today and sustained a fracture of his skull. He was removed to Bellevue Hospital, where, it is said, he will probably die.

## TAMMANY GETS READY FOR WORK

Leader Murphy Meets District Bosses and Fall Campaign Will Be Begun with Adjournment of the Legislature.

### WILL ATTACK "REFORM."

Charles F. Murphy made a flying trip to Manhattan from Atlantic City today and met the district leaders at Tammany Hall. There was an unusual scene of activity in the Tammany Wigwam. Not only the various leaders were on hand early, but several of the Senators and Assemblymen and members of the organization prominent in its councils.

It is understood that instructions for the beginning of an active campaign with the adjournment of the Legislature were issued. Last week it was officially announced that some action contemplating active campaign work would issue from the Hall to-day, and that Leader Murphy would personally instruct the various district commanders. This was the explanation offered for the presence of many of the chiefs and warriors of the Tammany tribe.

Mr. Murphy will return to Atlantic City probably to-morrow or the next day. He will stay out the week at the seaside resort, then return to the city for the summer. He has selected a cottage at Far Rockaway, in which a telephone is installed. He will run up to Fourteenth street frequently to attend to the affairs of leadership, but he will be in touch with his lieutenants every day in the week.

Although the leader of Tammany is keeping his councils these days, it is known that he is confident of the outlook for the coming election. The slogan on the Tammany side will be that no reform administration can work to the best interests of New York City. The action of the Legislature in forwarding tax and grab bills will be used as an illustration of the manner in which a reform administration for the city of New York can be welded to aid pernicious legislation.

**Good Campaign Documents.**

Mr. Murphy said today that the attitude of the present Legislature in passing

ing the tax measures and attempting the adoption of the "grab" bills, to the character of which the Tammany World called attention, will furnish abundant material for good campaign documents.

"This city has been asked to bear an unjust portion of the taxation for State purposes," said the Tammany leader. "The Democratic (greater New York) are opposed to such nefarious tax impositions, because they are unjust, and are a Republican blow at the enterprisers of their city. The present administration has practically endorsed the objectionable legislative work witnessed at Albany this session, while we have seen certain factions of the fusion forces, which helped to place the present administration in power, standing boldly against the tax and grab bill legislation."

Former Sheriff "Tom" Dunn and Senator Plunkitt were among the early arrivals. Senator Plunkitt, who returned to Albany this afternoon, declared that when the Legislature adjourns active campaign work will begin in his district. He said:

**"Rotten Timbers" Cut Away.**

"Tammany Hall, under its present leadership, has had its political carpenter at work with good effect. Some rotten timbers have been cut away entirely; the fences have been inspected and the weak and bad portions have been removed. The rotten timbers have been replaced by good stuff. Another survey will be made at the termination of the Legislature, and if the fences stand inspection this time and pass the Board of Examiners the carpenters will be discharged and the masons will be called in to start the foundations on our new political house."

"What does that all mean?" the Senator was asked.

"It means," he answered, "that Tammany has been undergoing a spring cleaning up, and with good effect. The derelicts in the organization have been dropped and reorganization in each and every district planned for the betterment of the organization."

"Who will be Tammany's candidate for Mayor?"

"Tammany doesn't create its candidates so far in advance. I have heard the names of several mentioned, among them that of George B. McClellan. But it is no certain thing that he will get the nomination."

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FOR TUESDAY.

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20c. Imitation Shell Combs, coarse and fine teeth, at 10c.

50c. Solid Back Hair Brushes, nine rows of long or penetrating bristles, at 28c.

25c. French Tooth Brushes, four rows of bristles, at 15c.

15c. Solid Back Waterproof Nail Brushes, bristles both sides, at 10c.

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For Tuesday at \$1.45.

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### Hair Retainers.

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For Tuesday at 19c.

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### Women's Umbrellas.

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### New Ribbons.

Liberty Soie, double faced, 5½ inches wide, of excellent quality, for dress bows, sashes, millinery trimmings, and so forth, in all the new Spring shades. Value 55c. per yard.

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### Shoes for Men.

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22c. J. O. King's 200 yds. Sewing Cotton.

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14c. All Silk Seam Binding, the best quality; black, white or colors. 9-yard piece. 10c.

12c. Glace Dress Belting, white, gray or black. 10-yard pieces. At 9c.

25c. Velvet Grip Elastic Hose Supporters, fancy frilled or plain; all shades. At 18c.

5c. Howard's Mending Cotton, black, white or colors. Per Ball, 3c.

15c. Euraka or Atlantic Hooks and Eyes, japanned or silvered; sizes 0 to 4. Six 2 doz. cards for 9c.

5c. Stewart's Safety Pins, choice of sizes. 1 dozen, 3c.

10c. Bias Seam Tape, extra fine quality, choice of sizes 1, 2, 3 and 4, 12-yard pieces. 6c.

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